(c) Approximately 300 acres of land have been identified by the State Government for the purpose.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) to (g) No decision has been taken on this aspect so far.

Exodus of Army Officers

1889. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the possible exodus of large scale army officer after the implementation of the Pay Commission report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether technically efficient officers are planning to quit their jobs in view of more attractive and better facilities in other fields; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (d) There is no information with the Government suggesting a large scale exodus of Army Officers after the implementation of the Pay Commission report.

As per available records, the percentage of technically qualified Army Officers who have applied for premature retirement from Army after submission of the report of Pay Commission is less than one per cent of their actual cadre strength. The percentage of those who have been granted premature retirement is still less. It can not, therefore, be concluded that a large number of technically qualified people are planning to leave the Army.

The existing rules provide for premature retirement from service under certain conditions such as supersession, compassionate reasons of a personal nature, etc. However, each request for premature retirement is examined in accordance with guidelines issued from time to time and ample precautions are taken to ensure that the interests of the services are not jeopardised or compromised.

[Translation]

Expenditure on Ports

1890. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether huge expenditure which were incurred at various ports in the country in the last years have not been fruitful;

(b) if so, the details of expenditure incurred on each port, separately;

(c) whether the attention of the Government on the above unnecessary expenditure has been drawn through the reports of Comptroller and Auditor General;

(d) if so, the directions issued by the Government from time to time to check such expenditures; and

(e) the names of ports and plants which have not been utilised till March, 1997?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Reports have been received from the Comptroller and Auditor General regarding alleged infructuous expenditure in some cases and these are under examination in consultation with the concerned major ports.

(e) The details of the utilisation of the plan outlays by various Major Ports during 1996-97 is given in the attached statement.

Statement

Details of Utilization of Plan Outlays by various Major Ports during 1996-97.

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No.	Name of the Port	Approved Outlay for 1996-97	Expenditure incurred	% utilisation
1.	Calcutta/Haldia	42.50	26.21	63
2.	Mumbai	74.60	89.95	121
3.	JL Nehru	68.00	49.88	73
4.	Chennai	115.00	96.57	84
5.	Cochin	7.00	7.56	108
6.	Vizag	45.00	42.79	95
7.	Kandla	35.00	15.84	45
8.	Mormugao	12.50	18.51	148
9.	Paradip	107.00	62.01	58
10.	New Mangalore	40.00	56.61	142
11.	Tuticorin	30.00	18.30	61
	Total	576.60	484.23	84

Air Facility to Neemach in Madhya Pradesh

1891. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether a demand has been made by the Aviation Club and other people's representatives of Neemach in Madhya Pradesh to link this place with air facility;